



4 Teams 1 Goal

Tjeerdsma, seniors seek 6th consecutive national championship appearance

BY TONY BOTTIS
Sports Editor

It is difficult to argue with convincing evidence. Especially, the cases of evidence Northwest has compiled on the National stage.

Five consecutive National Championship appearances is impressive. Six is unprecedented. Northwest, under the guidance of head coach Mel Tjeerdsma, is 7-0 in Semifinal games and holds the NCAA record with 32 playoff victories.

However, the 33rd playoff victory will have to come against No. 1 Minnesota-Duluth, who has occupied the top spot since Nov. 1. Duluth enters the Semifinal showdown after defeating St. Cloud State 20-17 in the second round of the playoffs and dropping Augustana 24-13 in the Quarterfinals.

Northwest's journey to Saturday's heavy-weight fight began in Maryville with a 28-24 win over Missouri Western, then on to Kingsville, Tex. where the Bearcats claimed a 35-31 rematch victory over the Javelinas. The win in Kingsville set up a third straight rematch, this time against a Central Missouri squad with a last second 17-16 loss to the 'Cats fresh on its mind. However, the Mules were downed 37-20.

The last time the two teams faced off, was the 2008 National Championship game, which Duluth won 21-14. The 'Cats committed four turnovers and fumbled six times.

"I think that the memory of how good they are is still good," Tjeerdsma said. "I felt like, two years ago, we underestimated them a little bit. They're good. They're very solid. They're really well coached; they're not going to make mistakes. They're patient with what they do; they believe in what they do."

While this year's Duluth squad does not feature All-American running back Isaac Odum, who suffered

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D-II Playoffs
Semifinals



WHEN THE 'CATS PASS:
If the wideouts can
fight through the cold,
Bolles and the skill guys
could find some run-
ning room.
EDGE>>>>'CATS
WHEN THE 'CATS RUN:
Small backs will get
banged up quickly
in the cold weather.
EDGE>>>>BULLDOGS



Jordan Simmons
Running Back

"The weather is always going to be
a mental aspect of the game. We still
have to strap on the pads and lace up the shoes
the same way."
-- Simmons



Shayne Shade
Defensive Line

WHEN DULUTH PASSES:
Duluth struggles to throw
the ball effectively and often,
allowing the secondary to
make plays with minimal
chances.
EDGE>>>>'CATS
WHEN DULUTH RUNS:
UMD will resort
to what their pro-
gram does best: run.
EDGE>>>>BULLDOGS

"My five years I have been here, our strong point
of our team has been stopping the run. There
hasn't really been a team this year that actually
ran the ball at us. This weekend is going to be a
challenge for us"
-- Shade

SPECIAL TEAMS:
With what might be
the best special teams
match up of the season,
both kickers ability
to pin the opposing
offense deep, directly
affects the defenses'
chances of success of
setting up good field
position.
EDGE>>>>BULLDOGS



Mel Tjeerdsma
Head Coach

"A lot of it's going to be a matter of
toughness. Who's the tougher team."
--Tjeerdsma

COLUMN

When in doubt, bet with the 'Cats

BY TONY BOTTIS
Sports Editor

No college football team
has been associated with as
many roller coaster rides as
Northwest was this season,
ever.
Between the fourth quar-
ter heroics, the doubters and
the emotions that pack the
stadiums during conference
rivalries, it's amazing the
Bearcats find themselves on
the cusp of an unprecedented
feat: their sixth straight Na-
tional Championship appear-
ance.

Now, of the four remain-
ing teams, every team has
faced their share of injuries
and adversity. But, who's to
know if anyone has had a
more banged up lineup week-
in and week-out.

Regardless, Saturday
presents Northwest's tough-
est challenge to date. Yeah,
Central scared the heck out of
a lot of the doubters and even
the most faithful of 'Cats, but
they're no Minnesota-Duluth.
A Division II powerhouse,
even without arguably the
Nation's best tailback Isaac
Odim, Northwest is very fa-
miliar with the Bulldogs.

Not only does Duluth like
to run the ball, they do it ex-
tremely well. If there is one

thing defensive coordinator
Scott Bostwick and his de-
fense prides themselves on
it's eating opposing running
backs and offensive lines
alive.

With that said, the non-
believers have prepared a
marvelous rebuttal to my pre-
viously said statement. I'm
assuming it goes something
along the lines of, "Tony, how
about when Northwest played
Pittsburg State? They like to
run the ball and the defense
didn't do much to stop them."

Fair point, however, I
would hope a team would
rush for nearly 300 yards af-
ter 60 rush attempts. Not only
was Pitt one-dimensional,
it was an ugly one-sided of-
fense. Pitt only threw for 119
yards, was six for 16 on third
down conversions and two
for five on fourth down con-
versions.

Yeah, quarterback Blake
Bolles and the offense may not
put together the prettiest first
half performances, but they,
along with some help from
the defense, find ways to stay
in the game until halftime. It's
the second half when the of-
fense tends to hit their stride
and finds their rhythm.

Don't expect a blowout by
any means Saturday. This is
about as close it gets to playing



FILE PHOTO

SENIOR LINEBACKER WILLIE Horn drags down a Minnesota-Duluth
ballcarrier in the 2008 National Championship game.

in a National Championship-
like environment, something
these 'Cats are familiar with.

By now I'm sure you want
me to stop talking about
things in the past and make a
prediction for this weekend. I
have already said it once this
week, but I'm excited for this
match up. Knowing early on
that all things led to Duluth at
some point, I circled this date
at the start of the playoffs. Not
only is the game being played
in weather meant for playoff
football, but it's two smash
mouth teams in the trenches.
With all things considered:
Northwest's momentum, Du-
luth's tendencies and advan-

tage of playing at home, this
outcome is fairly predictable

Running back Jordan
Simmons asked me on the
sideline of the Texas A&M-
Kingsville rematch, "How do
we keep doing it?"

Well, Jordan, the exact
formula or reasoning is un-
clear, but confidence breeds
success, and that is one thing
this team should have plenty
of by this point. Watch and
see if Northwest unveils it.

Northwest battles the
frigid temperatures Satur-
day evening during the live-
broadcast game, and knocks
off the top ranked Bulldogs 31-
27.

DULUTH

Continued from B1

a season ending knee inju-
ry, they have another talented
1,000-yard running back, Brad
Foss.

As a team, the Bulldogs
gash their opponents for
282 yards rushing per game
and have amassed 42 rush-
ing touchdowns, so far. Even
though the passing game is
unlike Central's air-it out at-
tack, they seldom turn it over
with only four interceptions in
220 attempts.

Not to be out shown by
a powerful ground game, the
Bulldog defense is allowing
255 yards and 12 points per
game. This season alone, op-
ponents have failed eight times
to rush for more than 100 yards
as a team against the stout
Duluth defense. Only Central
Washington eclipsed the 300-
yard passing mark through 13
games.

"They're a real sound de-
fense. They surround the ball;
they fly to the ball," sophomore

running back Jordan Simmons
said. "...They're pretty fast."

Northwest enters the game
with same cast of characters
as last year's semifinal game,
minus the rushing efforts of
LaRon Council and one of the
most successful senior classes
to play under Tjeerdsma. Led by
senior quarterback and Harlon
Hill finalist Blake Bolles, along
with transfer-senior tight end
Josh Baker and junior wide re-
ceiver Jake Soy, the 'Cats have
managed to collect 432 yards
of offense per game.

However, the defense has
yielded 351 yards per game to
opposing offensive units and
surrendered 20 points per
game. Nonetheless, this unit
still has just one loss to its
name and an opportunity to
play for yet another National
Championship berth.

"We're the underdogs,
there is no doubt about that,"
Tjeerdsma said. "They're un-
defeated and the No.1 team in
the country...We both under-
stand that if you lose, the sea-
son is over. You win and you
go to the National Champion-
ship."

Weather Forecast

5 degrees NW wind 7 mph
chance of snow 20%
4th quarter
0 degrees N wind 15 mph wind
chill -20 degrees



By the numbers

SR 3 vs. SR 4 Semifinal

7-0

Blake Bolles'
record as a starter
in the playoffs and
Mel Tjeerdsma's
record in semifinal
games.

1-1

Northwest's record
against Minnesota-
Duluth, including a
National championship
loss.

61

Number of rushing
attempts the Bulldogs had
against Augustana.

-22

Forecasted wind
chill by the end
of the game.

40

Jake Soy's career touch-
downs, tied for most in
MIAA history.

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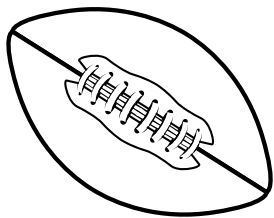


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house hunters

As students search listings, the classic housing debate continues

BY AMANDA CANNON
Missourian Reporter

Do you know where you are living next year? Do you think it is too soon to start thinking about? Whatever the response, the answer is that it is not too early.

While the residence halls on campus are convenient for students to live in, a large number of students decide to live off-campus after their first year of college.

Currently, there are 4,138 students attending the University who live off-campus. With many students living off-campus, the search for the perfect apartment or house is taken with much thought.

“The biggest things I see with students looking for an apartment off campus are not only location but price,” Dustin Koopman, complex manager of Oak Tree Apartments ,said. “Most students are paying for the apartment out of their own pockets.”

The search for a new apartment starts early. Most landlords start a waiting list in

January to make sure their places are filled. Students who want the luxury of having choices should start calling in by late December so their lease can start in May.

Location is a large concern for many students who want to live off campus. Students save money by walking to campus instead of paying the \$90 fee for a parking pass.

“When looking for a house, I want one that is cheaper but nicer looking and would be close to campus and both my jobs,” freshman Alissa Wiederholt said.

When looking for places to live, students should also look at the size of the apartment, what bills need to be paid, the cost of living and who lives in the same environment.

Pets are common in the average household. College students, feeling independent, tend to buy a pet before thinking of what it will be like to find a place for them to live.

“There are many times when the initial question I get asked is if pets are allowed,” Koopman said.

Students who have roommates need to

find a bigger apartment compared to those who prefer to live alone or who are married.

“I also hope to find a place big enough to have a couple roommates, to make living cheaper,” freshmen Malcom Mercer said.

The heating, water and cable bills need to be taken into consideration as well. If rent is cheaper but the bills are more expensive, then there is no difference in prices overall. The average in-state student spends \$6,576.92 for room and board on campus for two semesters; which equals \$730.77 a month. This is compared to the out-of-state resident who pays \$11,571.84 for a year, \$1,285.76 to live on campus. To live in an apartment or house, the average student spends roughly \$500 on rent each month not including other living expenses.

When searching for a place to live, there are many things to consider besides how nice the place actually is. Be sure to shop around before jumping into a lease.

Email proposal passed

BY BRITTANY KEITHLEY
Editor-in-Chief

The Northwest Leadership Team approved the Information Systems’ proposal to enhance student email.

Senior Service Administrators Sean Sheil and Michael Jackson will implement the EduLive Microsoft Office Application in the spring as they continue developing the new site and take the next steps in its execution.

“We will start the process of creating the accounts and setting the site up,” Sheil said. “We will get the advertising out to alert students of the benefits and how it will affect them.”

Along with the initial proposal, the Northwest Leadership Team approved the username switch from @nwmissouri.edu to @mail.nwmissouri.edu. With the switch, students have the opportunity to open both email accounts and transfer emails.

The new system offers students an online version of Microsoft Word, Excel and Powerpoint and will increase their 50 MB storage limit to 10 GB of mail storage. With the change students can access a 25 GB storage container online rather than their current 30 MB Catbert storage on the Northwest server.

Jon Rickman, VP of Information Systems, hopes the switch will help Northwest maintain its image as the first Electronic Campus in the nation as well as strengthening the software.

“I think it’s going to position us at the modern edge of computing services in the terms of providing applications from the Internet,” Rickman said “The amount of storage will be very useful to the students.”

Leaders evaluate academic programs

BY TREY WILLIAMS
News Editor

The University, in conjunction with the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Missouri’s Coordinating Board of Higher Education is trying to reach a mutual consensus on what courses and or majors need to be cut.

In October, David Russell, interim commissioner of higher education, held a forum on campus in which he explained the current status of Missouri’s budget as it applied to higher education institutions.

Provost Doug Dunham leads the Northwest Leadership Team in figuring out what some departments need and what some can do without.

“What we know we need to do is a phased approach,” Dunham said. “And the first phase is information gathering.”

Dunham has worked with the leadership team and other department leaders to help determine what can and should be cut. Dunham said this is a better way of doing it. His thought is that each department leader has a

Shawn Johnson shares her Olympic journey

BY DAKOTA JONES
Chief Reporter

Northwest has hosted many celebrity guests, from the Ying Yang Twins and Sean Kingston to Dierks Bently, but none quite as unique as Olympic gold medalist, Shawn Johnson.

On Tuesday Shawn Johnson spoke about her life and own personal struggles to a packed auditorium of college students, faculty, parents and young gymnasts in Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts.

“I don’t plan what I’m going to say. I just love talking,” Johnson said. “I love doing question and answer sessions too, because they let me know what the audience wants me to talk about.”

The night was laid back and Johnson’s speech was more of a conversation with the audience. She set the tone with her first appearance as she walked across the stage to the podium where a step stool waited. She stumbled as she stepped up and poked fun at herself with the crowd.

“I never fail to get nervous

when I do these things,” Johnson said. “I never know what to say to these students. I mean, most of them are older than me. What am I suppose to say or teach to someone who is years older than me?”

After becoming serious about competing in the Olympics when she was 13 years old, Johnson went on to win a gold medal at age 16. Now 18, Johnson spoke about her plans to compete at the 2012 Olympics.

Although another gold medal is her main focus now, Johnson told the audience that she had bigger plans for herself in the future.

“College is always something I said is a must. But going back to training sets it back,” Johnson said. “I want to be able to set everything aside and be a normal college student and see everything that college has to offer.”

As she moved on to the question and answer period of the event, Johnson encouraged the crowd to get involved and to feel free to ask her anything. She

See **JOHNSON** on A5



DARRELL LONG | MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER
SHAWN JOHNSON, 18, spoke at the Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts Monday at 7p.m. She spoke about her experiences in the Olympics, Dancing with the Stars, and the production of her Wii game.

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NATALIE FRY | MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER
SAM HOOVENDICK AND Brianna Magnuson spend time studying for their upcoming finals. The girls both said they have worked hard this semester in their classes.

Students prepare for stress

BY TREY WILLIAMS
News Editor

Late nights and stress balls and junk food with caffeine, notes upon notes and study breaks full of TV. These are a few of students’ favorite things with finals week approaching.

B.D. Owens Library becomes a second home for some students and textbooks become their pillow as they stress and cram for finals that have many students pulling out their hair, so to speak.

Among the hierarchy of students on campus, freshmen probably find themselves stress-

ing the most.

Freshmen Blaire Marshall and Andrew Benson sat at a corner table in the unusually lively library as they went over notes not just for finals but a test they have in Broadcast Operations before the dreadful week.

“It’s pretty intimidating,” Benson said. “College finals are a little bit different from high school finals. They’re more difficult and overall I think it’s more the experience I’m nervous about.”

Benson is not the only one nervous. Meanwhile, Marshall looks at her finals and how they

See **FINALS** on A5

Student films premiere tonight

BY BRITTANY KEITHLEY
Editor-in-Chief

Several Northwest students will unveil their cinematic efforts tonight at the Hangar.

Seniors Sean Callahan and Clayton Scott took a joint independent study to the next level when they looked to the Hangar as a venue for the debut.

They applied for a grant to pay for the venue and worked during the semester to produce their 50-minute short film, “The Elegy of Dreams.”

“We shot every weekend for the past month and a half

to two months,” Callahan said. “It ranges from two to three hours some days to eight to 10 hours others day. I personally probably put 100 hours into the film.”

Working together, they grew in their abilities learning from each other along the way.

“He thinks a lot differently than I do,” Scott said. “(Our viewpoints) complement each other in the film and add different perspective.”

The students chose among their peers to make up the entire event. They worked to showcase the opportunities the department offers.

“I liked to do something on a bigger scale and better quality to show that at Northwest we have the resources to do this,” Scott said.

The film, along with Caleb Hayworth and Justice Simpson’s “Cado 231B” and Hayworth’s “The Call of Duty” will debut tonight at 5 with seating opening at 4:30 p.m.

“Hopefully (this creates) an excitement about student film making,” Callahan said. “Showing people what they can do with the equipment we have and resources we have and challenging them to go out there and hopefully do something even better.”

Beards raise money

BY BRITTANY KEITHLEY
Editor-in-Chief

Non-profit organizations in Maryville have found themselves in need of funding. A No Shave November competition on campus helped students and faculty donate to one of these organizations.

The competition, sponsored by KNWT and KZLX, measured the growth of 14 contestants’ facial hair and raised over \$200 for their favorite local charity.

Will Murphy, TV and video engineer, raised the most money in the competition, granting him half of the proceeds to donate to his charity, the New Nodaway Humane Society.

“I was pretty excited that they were going to be able to reap some of the benefits that the gentlemen here at Northwest were able to put together with their No Shave November contest,” Murphy said.

The other half of the money raised was given to Doug Kimball to donate. He used a nose trimmer to create a tic-tac-toe design in his beard to win the creative shave portion of the competition. The process took him 40 minutes to complete.

“Even if I didn’t win it was worth it,” Kimball said. “It’s good to give to good people.”



SUBMITTED PHOTOGRAPH
SENIOR DOUG KIMBALL shows off his tic-tac-toe design. Kimball won the creative shave portion of the competition granting him \$120 for his charity, the New Nodaway Humane Society.

Kimball’s charity was also the New Nodaway Humane Society. A donation of this size helps offset the low funding as electricity and heating needs rise with a pet increase after the breeding season

“Two-hundred dollars is enough to make one of the paychecks for one of our part timers, buy quite a lot of dog food or spray and neuter half a dozen animals,” Murphy said.

The competition required participants to send in photographs of their progress for

the voting through November and into the first week of December. Many contestants used these occasions to represent their charities.

“With the help of KNWT and KZLX, we were able to put out the donation jars on a number of occasions,” Murphy said. “It was really neat seeing the Northwest community donate and being able to total \$240. A lot of the effort was not only due to the people growing their beard but also for those people being cheerleaders for their cause.”

Weekend Events

Dec.10 Friday

All Day – Class work ends

Second block ends

9:00 am – Instructional Leadership Team Training
Troester Media Center Additional meeting dates are Feb. 15 & Apr. 28.

9:00 am – Professional Learning Communities Year 1
North Central Missouri College PLC Year 1 Team Meeting 3

3:00 pm – Reception honoring Governor’s and Deans’ Award Recipients
Administration Building Governor’s Award for Excellence in Education
April Haberyan
Deans’ Award Recipients
College of Education and Human Services Teaching

3:00 pm – Spring 2011 student teachers: Mandatory meeting with University supervisors
Everett W. Brown Education Hall

4:00 pm – Winter Art Show and Pottery Sale
Fine Arts Building

Dec. 11 Saturday

8:00 am – ACT
Colden Hall

9:00 am – Winter Art Show and Pottery Sale
Fine Arts Building

10:00am – Christmas Puppet Show
Where: 508 N Main, Maryville Public Library, Maryville, MO (map)
Description: Children ages 3 and up are invited to a Christmas puppet show, “The Little Lost Stocking” performed by Parasol Puppets of Jamesport, MO.

11:15am – Santa’s in the ‘Ville
Where: Aura Designs, Maryville, MO (map)
Description: Come visit Santa and have pictures made with the Jolly Old Elf! Aura Designs is hosting Santa and the Missus, along with other activities. For more information call 660–562–2872.

4:00pm – Santa’s in the ‘Ville
Where: Maurices in Maryville, MO (map)
Description: Come visit Santa and have pictures made with the Jolly Old Elf! Maurice’s is hosting Santa and the Missus, along with other activities. For more information call 660–582–4648.

5:00 pm – NCAA Div II Football Semifinals
Duluth, MN The Bearcats will travel to Minnesota–Duluth for the semifinal round of the NCAA Division II football playoffs. Kickoff is set for 5 p.m.

5:30 pm – Women’s basketball at University of Nebraska–Omaha, Omaha, NE

7:30 pm – Men’s basketball at Nebraska–Omaha, Omaha, NE

10:00 pm – 23-hour quiet hours in effect.
Please keep noise at an absolute minimum in the residence halls to allow neighbors to study for finals and complete final projects. 9–10 p.m.

Dec. 12 Sunday

All Day – Independence Day, Kenya

7:00 pm – Newman Catholic Center Mass
Newman Catholic Center

8:00 pm – Wesley Student Center Luminary Lights of Care
Wesley Student Center

23-hour quiet hours in effect.
Please keep noise at an absolute minimum in the residence halls to allow neighbors to study for finals and complete final projects. 9–10 p.m.

11:30 pm – Midnight Breakfast for Students
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Students break for cake

LESLIE NELSON
Chief Reporter

The Newman Catholic Center will offer students a break from studying for finals to cook and eat pancakes Tuesday night.

Break for Cakes is an eleven-year tradition to help relieve students of the stress of finals week.

"It's a gift to the students," Bridget Brown, Newman Center Campus Minister, said, "I think it's a really thoughtful thing."

Brown has served with the Newman Center for ten years and loves helping with

Break for Cakes.

The event is free and is open to anyone from the University.

The Newman Center raises funds all year to help pay for events such as this. They partner with Hy-vee for the supplies needed for the pancakes.

Students involved with the Newman Center and even faculty members take time out of their day to prepare endless amounts of pancakes.

"The ones that mostly make the pancakes are the more skilled chefs," sophomore Chris Parnacott said.

The pancakes are topped

with anything students can think of, explained Brown.

"We get a lot of crazy toppings," she said.

Along with enjoying interesting pancakes, the students are given a chance to have fun and meet new people.

"It's a great time for food and fellowship," Brown said.

Although associated with the Newman Center, Break for Cakes is not a religious event.

"It's just a bunch of people coming and eating pancakes," Parnacott explained.

Break for Cakes will be held at the Newman Catholic Center at 9 p.m. on Dec. 14.

Absent weather befuddles residents

BY AMANDA SCHULTE-SMITH
Missourian Reporter

Recent changes in climate have Northwest students asking, what is up with this weather?

No need to worry, though. Professor Jeff Bradley an instructor in the department of Geosciences, says it is completely normal.

"The thing about our seasons is that they do vary," Bradley says, "We have what I call a pendulum effect, sometimes we will swing one way and have very extreme weather and sometimes we are more in the middle."

With the weather seeming to be unusually warm this year, some students are concerned about the future unknown; will we get as much snow as we did last year?

"It may not mean anything for the future.

The thing about the weather is, we can't always predict what is going to happen far in advance," Bradley said.

In the meantime, students can use the many resources available to predict their own winter weather report. They can prepare themselves ahead of time by checking online or watching the news every other day to see what meteorologists have in store.

On a comforting note, Bradley says that the change is typical for Northwest Missouri. So if the weather change is getting you worried, do not fret. The Midwest has always been the butt of every gloomy weather joke, and will continue to be so for a long time.

"Looking over it long term, these changes are completely normal for the Midwest," Bradley says.



KEVIN BIRDSSELL | MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

HB CONSTRUCTION, KELLER Constuction and Loch Construction all have had a role in the renovations happening around Maryville. Many different parts of the town are being updated, including the resurfacing of 16th Street (above) and re-facing the front of the court house (right).

Maryville gets major makeover

BY DAKOTA JONES
Chief Reporter

As this year draws to an end, some parts of Maryville are getting a new beginning.

Bill Loch, vice president and chief estimator of Loch Construction, is happy with the progress that has been made by his company this year through the construction in town.

"We've been pretty active throughout this year. We've worked on the Safe Sidewalks to School, Community Center, parking lot improvement, 16th street," Loch said. "We've accomplished our goals. I'm proud of the work-force. I have to give credit to them."

Although Loch Construction has a large hand in the work throughout Maryville, other companies have been hired by Nodaway County to complete special projects.

HB Construction took over the renovations to the courthouse, including the re-facing on the front of the building. Keller Construction finished several sidewalks earlier this year, making them safer and more appealing. Maryville High



School also received some remodeling to the football field.

From sidewalks and streets to government buildings and schools, construction around Maryville has been making its mark.

Work zones seem to be on every street around town. De-tours, changes in speed limits, and sights of scaffolding seem to be apart of citizens everyday routines. City Manager, Matt LeCerb assures citizens that the amount of construction this year is about the same as last year. The work being done is more prominent then year previous.

"We try to do some substantial amount of construction to keep things moving forward, to keep from being complacent," LeCerb said.

Police Blotter | Nodaway County Sheriff Dept.

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Nov. 24
Gregory G. Wright, 43, Ferrelview, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for Dist/Del/Manf/Produce or attempt to or possess with intent to Dist/Del/Manf/Produce a controlled substance.

Nov. 22
Robert G Ott Jr., 44, Clarinda, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for driving while license was suspended.

Nov. 19
Lucus A. Greever, 21, Burlington Jct., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for three counts of possession of methamphetamine precursor drug with intent to manufacture.

Nov. 18
A Quitman subject reported a theft from his garage.

Candice L. Perkins, 33, Wathena, was arrested for drugs – possession of amphetamine.

Todd L. Stout, 47, Tarkio, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for felony DWI.

Nov. 17
Katharine Bowness of Maitland, MO and Holly Nicholson of Skidmore were arrested for

possession of a controlled substance.

Nov. 15
Tina M. Dornbusch, 47, Imogene, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for two counts of possession of methamphetamine precursor drug with intent to manufacture.

Nov. 13
A Clearmont subject reported theft from her home.

Nov. 11
Jeremy L. Martin, 32, New Market, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for two counts of possession of methamphetamine precursor drug with intent to manufacture.

Nov. 10
Ashley D. Dougherty, 26, Maryville, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for five counts of possession of methamphetamine precursor drug with intent to manufacture.

Nov. 8
Bradley D. Muncy, 32, Burlington Jct., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for felony possession of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of a firearm.

Nov. 2
Eldon L. Randle, 60, Bedford, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for theft/stealing.

Police Blotter | Maryvile Public Safety

The Maryville Public Safety Departments provided incidents reported in this log. All subjects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Shelby M. Bever, 19, city, was charged with minor and possession and speeding at 500 block West 4th Street.

Nov. 30
Stephen R Smith, 20, St. Joseph, Missouri was charged with driving while suspended on the100 block East 2nd Street.

There is an ongoing investigation for a hit and run at 300 block West 9th Street.

Nov. 29
Alyssa N. Carmichael, 21, Maryville, MO was charged with failure to register a motor vehicle and failure to maintain financial responsibility on the 300 block of South Fillmore.

There was a structure fire at 27000 block 242nd Street.

Nov. 28
There is an ongoing property damage investigation on the 800 block of North Buchanan.

April L. Spargen, 21, Clarinda, IA was charged with driving while intoxicated on the 900 block of North Walnut.

Nov. 25
There is an ongoing property damage investigation on the 300 block of West 2nd Street.

Nov.19
Kenneth D. Clark, 43, of Grandview, MO was charged with being wanted on warrant– failure to appear on the 400 block of North Market.


Nov. 18
Kenneth R. Breit, 35, Parnell, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for theft/stealing.

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OUR VIEW

Residential reasoning

Paging through Northwest’s humble beginnings in the historical Behind the Birches book, one sees the change in ideology of on-campus housing. After finishing the mandatory first year in an on-campus residence hall, students closely evaluate living arrangements for the following year. Weighing out the variables, however, students choose to live off campus more and more each year.

Behind the Birches reveals that Residence Hall, which now stands as Roberta Hall, was once the only option for on-campus housing. A few pages later, students could opt to live off-campus in housing facilities approved

by Northwest.

Today, a stream of students march to their classes from a bevy of homes scattered just north, east and south of campus. Tainted by a year with a mystery-bag roommate and unreliable elevators in the high-rises, the image in mind of on-campus housing discourages students from reapplying the following year.

Northwest addresses this issue with the newer, well-furnished residence halls like Hudson Perrin, Tower Suites, Bearcat Village and South Complex. Through regular updates, they provide a user-friendly and comfortable living environment, along with an eye-popping bill.

It is astounding how the rules of supply and demand do not apply here. Our residence halls operate at 90 percent occupancy with confoundingly high prices. Even with sweeteners like laundry and furnishing, students will choose an apartment several times the living area of an on-campus residence room or suite and still pay a fraction of the price.

Northwest offers an attractive package to students that is missing one crucial piece to reverse the trend of off-campus migration: reasonable cost. Surrounding oneself with fellow Bearcats sure is nice, but surrounding oneself with Benjamins is the way to go.

WikiLeaks are a matter of straight accountability

Accountability is a concept we Americans have grown to love with respect to the relationship between the press and the government. However, to what extent should accountability be taken when it involves the release of hundreds of thousands of classified government documents? Documents which are posted on the internet and printed in established newspapers respected around the world for reporting quality journalism?

In 2007, the website WikiLeaks was created to release secret government documents that contained detailed reports of military action involving the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as embarrassing reports regarding the U.S. government such as the dumping of toxic waste in Africa. According to the New York Times, the creator of this website, Julian Assange, obtained these documents from Army Private Bradley Manning. Assange then proceeded to release them on the Internet and give them to large newspapers.

Initially you might be upset that Private Manning released these classified government documents to the press. Release of these documents could compromise security and safety of many U.S. soldiers. However, after some hours of thought you might think differently. Documents that have been released containing information that states that the U.S. Govern-

ment is dumping toxic chemicals is something the public should know about.

A similar situation occurred in 1971 when the New York Times released top secret information regarding military action throughout the 1960s in Vietnam. This release showed that the U.S. government was lying to the American public on the success of their military action in an effort to build continued support for the war. The release of this information was a black eye to the administration and in anger they

sued the New York Times for printing the information. The Supreme Court ruled in favor of the New York Times and cited that since these assaults had already happened, prior restraint by the newspaper was not justifiable. Then, such as now, the administrations are being held accountable for their actions.

It should be assumed by all levels and departments of government that no longer is anything secret and that accountability is everywhere. As long as we are a nation of people who will oppose certain positions that this country might take, then those people who always work to hold this nation accountable.



John Fritz
Contributing Columnist

CAMPUS TALK

Why did you choose to live on or off campus?



“I am a freshman now and have to live on campus, but I am planning to move off campus due to less rules and saving money.”

Samantha Fender
Broadcasting Major



“I live on campus because it is convenient to be here where my resources are and it makes life more simple.”

Ieshia Muncy
English Major



“I live off campus in St. Joseph and commute everyday because I am married and my husband had a full time job there.”

Hilary Sanz
Music Major



“I live on campus in Frankin so that I can have the opportunity given to me to meet some of the international students.”

Alex Noto
History Major



“I live on campus because I thought it was easier than finding a place to live my second year here.”

Erin Funk
IDM New Media Major

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‘Merry Christmas’ is not about Christmas

BY PHILIP GRUENWALD
Opinion Editor

The news release headline on the Northwest website for the annual Holiday Tree lighting, hosted by President Jasinski and his family, was unexpected. Jasinski and his family are Christians and will probably celebrate Christmas in a few weeks. And because the event featured Christian themes from Christian Campus House minister Brandon Smith, the Spirit and Truth Gospel Choir and even the food pantry for The Ministry Center, the surprisingly commercialized event title seemed out of place for not mentioning Christmas.

The Jasinski family went the politically correct route to include anyone celebrating any holiday or practicing any

faith, and understandably so. The last thing they wanted was to exclude anyone during this light-hearted tradition. Yet across the country, people of every creed get their stockings stretched out over the inclusion or exclusion of one loaded word: Christmas.

But maybe our yuletide debate stands for something deeper. The resounding cry from the Coexist crowd is, “Equality! Tolerance!” which is the critique given to Christians year-round for not accepting other beliefs. During this highly important event in the church year, the heat is simply turned up for either side.

The obvious answer is that every person has the right to celebrate his or her own holiday. Of course it is impossible to isolate ourselves from each holiday we are not interested in, so we smile and nod if

someone wishes us a Happy Hanukkah. No harm, no foul.

The problems happen every year when this is applied by business owners and public figures. Obligated to the interests of the masses, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and others are replaced with the universal label, Holiday. The Jasinski Family’s Holiday Tree lighting is a prime example. If they only invited friends and family, it would have been a Christmas Tree lighting. Involve the general public and the mandatory title change follows. It is within the rights of those holding events to name them as they will. It is simply unpopular.

I am excited to celebrate Christmas this year. I can be merry to people of different beliefs, and still proudly celebrate my religion of choice. I welcome you all to do the same.

WHAT THE DEUCE

Yet another Palin book? ‘You betcha’

When Sarah Palin was snatched out of her quiet Alaskan ranch and thrust into the public arena in 2008, the media had a feeding frenzy. Palin became a household name after Tina Fey’s rip-roaring impression incorrectly iconized her sound bytes about her Russian neighbors.

Shown here at a book signing for her manifesto, “America by Heart,” Palin’s second foray into book writing shows better initial response than her first. After releasing “Going Rogue” last year, she reloaded to fire off this 304-page Republican Presidential Candidate plea almost an exact year later.

This oddly intentional publicity has been Palin’s Modus operandi of late. After becoming the butt end of countless political jokes in the 2008 elections, she chose to take the public limelight and run with it. These books join the ranks of her reality TV show, “Sarah Palin’s Alaska,” her daughter Bristol’s clumsy appearance on “Dancing with the Stars,” and her frequently-referenced Facebook and Twitter updates.

Regardless of how sound or popular her policies are, Palin’s wild publicity antics do not back her validity as a politician. The role of our president doubles as a global leader. Palin will have to ditch the three-ring circus bit before anyone seriously considers her as our future commander in chief.



MCT CAMPUS

In a My View in last week’s issue (“Northwest-branded socialism in our fees,” Dec. 2), we reported from a source who said that, “under some circumstances, a student’s textbook fee goes toward scholarships.” According to Dr. Doug Dunham, these fees are used solely to purchase the books and manage the textbook program. We will provide additional coverage on this issue in a future Missourian. We apologize for any confusion.

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MAJORS

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better idea of what their budget consists of.

The team came up with eight degree programs they feel meet the requirements to be cut: Seven bachelor programs and one masters. Dunham said that now they are just waiting while the Department of Higher Education reviews the University's list of degree programs to see if more can be cut.

Nothing is set in stone, at least not until Gov. Nixon gives his state of Missouri address Jan. 18. Then the Department of Higher Education will have made their decision and the University will have a better idea of what all will need to be cut.

"I don't know for sure what is going to be cut," Dunham said. "We have a two prong strategy, short and long term."

Dunham is predicting at the most a 15 percent cut, which equates to \$4.7 million. So, the University has been looking into cutting more than just academic programs. Some costs will rise and some things, such as salaries and the campus atmosphere might even continue to improve.

After Russell's forum in October, there was talk of raising tuition but that is now just talk of the past.

"We know we can't raise tuition enough to make up for (the \$4.7 million)," Dunham said. "It's not fair for students so we're not going to do that. It would negatively impact students and it would negatively impact enrollment."

Dunham and the leadership team are also taking into account the fact that employee salaries have not raised in two years. That along with other things like health insurance adds to the \$4.7 million deficit.

Dunham and his colleagues have made student success their main priority.

"You can't have a university without students and faculty, and you wouldn't need the faculty if you didn't have students," Dunham said.

When it comes to student success, the University wants to make sure they not only continue to offer the courses students desire but also that campus keeps improving in order to keep students happy and draw more to the University.

"We don't want to be stagnant," Dunham said. "We're trying to say, 'We've got dollars, a limited, shrinking pool but we're not going to hunker.' We're going to position ourselves for increased success. So you'll see flow-ers, you'll see improvements. Students demand that, students deserve that."

JOHNSON

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swered questions as trivial as 'Do you have a boyfriend?' to which she smiled and answer yes.

She also gave advice

to the young gymnast as they asked questions about training. Johnson told them to stay focused, try to not get frustrated and to always listen to their coaches.

"I learned a lot from her speech. She was down to earth and honest," junior Sara Stratton said. "The Q

and A was my favorite part. It wasn't planned and she answered every question. It showed me that she was comfortable being herself in front of the room."

The night ended with a meet and greet session in the front lobby of the Ron Houston building. Johnson

spent an extra half hour signing autographs and taking pictures with fans.

"If you take one thing from tonight, I hope you all have something you have passion for," Johnson said. "If you love what you do, it makes life so much easier and happier."

FINALS

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will directly affect her grades.

"A lot of my finals are the kind that determine whether I pass or fail the class and it's just a big load of stress," Marshall said. "I know my luck, I'll end up missing it by like one point."

A few tables away, sophomore Cory Uhlenkamp quietly sits transcribing words from a psychology textbook into college-ruled spiral notebook.

Uhlenkamp talks of finals as if he takes them every other week.

"It's just something else you gotta do," Uhlenkamp said. "I'll go to bed a little earlier, take it easier on the weekend, come to the library and just take 'em one step at a time."

The next table over two guys sit side by side, calculus books and calculators in front of them. One, junior

Jacob Roach, says he is a little stressed and explains that he could always be in a better position heading into finals while his study partner remains nose deep in his textbook.

"Best tip is to get off to a good start," Roach said, referring to freshmen.

Finals week proves to be one of the most trying times for college students, freshmen especially. However, there are places to get help and advice.

Senior Quentin Templeton, an ARCH for Residential Life, says they recommend students study up front, exercise, do things you enjoy and plan to study in chunks. Maybe Templeton's most important advice for those trying to figure how to make finals week easier for next trimester is to work hard during the semester so only a minimal grade is needed to pass the class.

"I'm the kind of guy who looks at how many points I need in each class leading up to finals week," he said.

ROEHRIG

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learned a lot from her this year and she has been a big help at practice. She hits harder than anyone in the conference, so we knew if we could return her hits in practice then we could return anybody's that we would face all year."

Besides being a graduate assistant for the volleyball team, Roehrig is also a key member of the women's basketball team.

"I knew Meghan Nelson, the assistant coach, from Omaha," Roehrig said. "I had always wanted to play, I was just kind of nervous that I wouldn't be able to hang. Meghan and I talked this summer and we just decided that it was worth a shot because I had a year of eligibility left. The only big thing was getting Jess to let me play. Jess said it was fine if I played, and it's been a great experience so far."

Roehrig has provided a major inside presence for the basketball team. With senior Genty Dietz ineligible until Dec. 18, the team has relied on Roehrig to be a dominant force in the paint.

"She's our leading scorer and rebounder," head coach Gene Steinmeyer

said. "She's obviously had a positive impact, she leads the team in minutes played and she was recently named Co-Player of the Week, but it's not just her production that helps. There's also the little things too; she spent all fall as a coach and that didn't stop when she went from volleyball to basketball."

The girls on the team have embraced Roehrig as one of their own and appreciate everything she has done in her limited time with the team.

"Kyla has been big for us this season," junior Tara Roach said. "I don't know where we'd be without her. She has done a great job and it's crazy to think that she's hasn't played basketball since she was in high school."

Roehrig would like to become the director of operations for a college program after she finishes her degree, but admits coaching is not out of the question.

"I don't know if I can give up coaching," Roehrig said. "It's been fun just being on the court with the girls, showing them what I was taught and helping them get better."

For now, Roehrig is focused on getting through this season and helping to lead the 'Cats to a conference title.

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The Chariot

It is late on a Wednesday night, somewhere between Pittsburg, Pa. and Poughkeepsie, N.Y. A heavy flow of snow is falling and The Chariot is traveling through the winding hills that separate these two destinations on their current stretch of tour with fellow acts Cancer Bats and Stray from the Path. Jonathan Kindler, fall 2008 Northwest graduate and bass player for the five-piece outfit, is behind the wheel, focused, yet mellow and conversational.

There is a familiar face missing from the back of The Chariot's van as they travel along the narrow, two-lane road. Josh Scogin, The Chariot's front man, left the band three days earlier due to be with his wife who was giving birth to their second child. The Chariot continues to battle on the road, having vocalists from other bands and certain lucky fans fill the shoes Scogin left when he returned home to be with his new-born child in Atlanta.

Life on the road is not for the light of heart. It can be difficult traveling from city to city, going for immense periods of time without seeing your family.

"It's really hard, being gone from your

family all the time. I haven't seen my family in months," Kindler said. "Then again, this is what we feel we need to be doing, so here we are."

Kindler left school after being very close to finished, leaving behind friends, family and the Northwest campus for life on the road.

"I left school and never came back, in a sense," Kindler said, referring to his return in fall 2008 when most of his peers had already graduated and left Maryville to pursue careers.

"At some points I didn't know if I ever was going to finish. I really wanted to; I really valued the opportunity to get to go to school. I wanted to finish."

It was this dedication that led Kindler to drive to Maryville before classes started that fall, with no place to even rest his head that night. Two short years later, Kindler is far beyond that struggle.

The Chariot's fourth full-length album and Good Fight Music debut, Long Live, hit stores Monday, Nov. 22. The entire band was nervous, considering their record had leaked, or illegally streamed onto the Inter-

net for anyone to download at their disposal, over a month before it was due to release.

"I think it helped us because there was this buzz about this CD and the fact that people liked it helped out a lot," Kindler said.

Kindler and his fellow band mates were not too disturbed by the fact their record had leaked onto the Internet so early before its set release date.

"I'm not in this band to make a bunch of money or sell a bunch of records, that's not really what our purpose is," Kindler said. "Our record spread like wild fire across the Internet. That at the end of the day is more important to me then making a buck off it. I'm not too bummed about it."

The band wants to create an open environment for their crowds; they choose not to conform to playing songs the same night in and night out.

"We have so many moments in our set that are completely left open to whatever is supposed to happen," Kindler said. "It's just saying, we're going to step back and realize we are nothing and because of that, this can be everything. If you're constraining it to be something then it'll never be bigger, nothing magical or special can come from anything you have a tight rein on. That goes for any kind of art."

The freedom and openness that Kindler explains is motivated by a greater power in The Chariot's life.

"That freedom comes from our relationship with God," Kindler said. "When people

think about Christianity, they think it is everything but that. It's bondage to a lot of people, a list of 'don'ts.' I feel like we're more of an accurate representation of what it means to worship God. Completely letting go of everything that will hold you back, that you will ever think holds you back"

Kindler manages to stay level-headed while on the road and receiving tons of praise for his band and their music.

"I went to Northwest Missouri State, I'm just a dude," Kindler said. "In my opinion, anyone ever thinks they're something special because they play in a band, they're only fooling themselves. When kids say, 'dude you are my idol,' my first response to this is that is a bad idea. I'm just a dude, and not even a good dude all the time. You should pick something worthy of praise and pointing toward something that's bigger than this world, not a dude that lives in a van."

The Chariot attempts to remove the barrier that separates musician from fan and create an even world for both types of people to coincide.

"Our goal is to, as fast as possible, remove any pedestals kids put bands on so we can just hang out," Kindler said.

The future for The Chariot includes many miles on the road, across the United States, Europe, Australia, New Zealand and Japan.

"It's pretty exciting, I never thought I'd ever get to go to those places, much less get paid and get to play music," Kindler said. "It's pretty cool."



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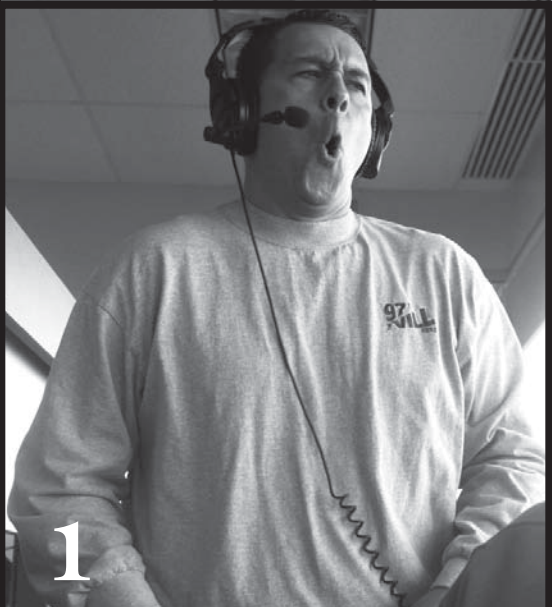


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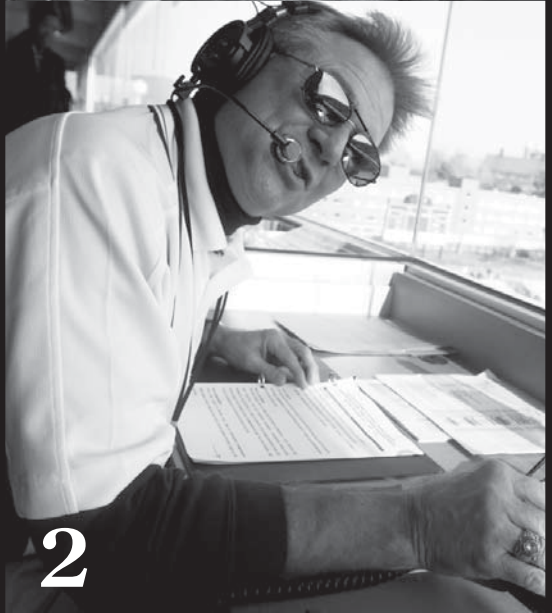
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VOICE OF THE Bearcats' John Coffey (front) and color commentator Matt Gaarder (back) react to a near touchdown Saturday at Bearcat Stadium.
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Coffey, Gaarder, Sudhoff keep fans dialed in

BY AMANDA SCHULTE-SMITH
Missourian Reporter

Before the players step onto the field and the fans find their seats, John Coffey and Doug Sudhoff prepare for another football game at Bearcat Stadium.

“Good luck John, we’re all counting on you,” Sudhoff says to Coffey.

They exchange a few chuckles and then head to their separate stations; the two have a lot to prepare for as they are the voice of the ‘Cats.

Coffey is the commentator for all Bearcat games to listeners at home, while Sudhoff roars the familiar “Touchdown Bearcats” at every home game. Both devote their time and talent to the fans, making sure no detail of any game is left unannounced. The two never miss a game, giving fans constant updates and memorable quotes to take with them after leaving the field. They are to whom Bearcat fans look to for football news.

The smell of hot chocolate and chili dogs fills the air in the press room as a calm yet professional Doug Sudhoff paces back and forth making sure all names and numbers are ready to announce. The feeling in the room is calm but anxious. Staff members wait for fans to take their seats and for the game to start. The press box operates like a family, keeping everyone on their toes but with laughs and smiles all around.

“Everyone in here has been working the games for more than one season,” Sudhoff says, “We know each other pretty well.”

The family-like atmosphere gives a fun feel to the newsroom. The hardest part, Sudhoff says, is keeping the cheering to a minimum.

“The mood in the room is very professional, it has to be. Morris White does a good job of keeping us focused. The most difficult part is staying calm,” Sudhoff said.

So while the staff has to keep their cheers under wraps, the room makes an effort to celebrate when the game is over. Cheers and handshakes all around after the game ends.

“My favorite part is just being a part of this great program,” Sudhoff said.

With a few chuckles here and there and much preparation, everything is set and ready to go, but before he starts, he slips out just for a moment to give his old friend a quick good luck across the way.

While the hustle and bustle of the review room is going on, a more quiet pregame ritual is taking place just two boxes away. John Coffey along with his partner Matt Gaarder make their last minute preparations before broadcasting the game to fans not at the game, listening on the radio.

The quiet is broken by Sudhoff’s grand entrance.

“Hey everyone,” Sudhoff says in a boisterous tone.

Sudhoff gives Coffey a firm handshake and recites the same sentence he tells Coffey before every game.

After a quick discussion and a laugh, Sudhoff leaves and the next 10 minutes are full of great anticipation and minor last minute tweaks with the sound equipment.

The music begins on the big screen and everyone is alert, as the first sounds of the Bearcat game are heard.

“You’re listening to Bearcat network, I’m John Coffey joined by Matt Gaarder...”

The game has begun. It is non-stop action after the first 10 minutes of the game are in place. Each detail and emotion is perfectly articulated by Coffey and Gaarder, keeping fans informed of everything. The sound of the band can be heard ever so slightly through the open window in the press box.

Coffey and Gaarder work together perfectly, never talking over one another. They always manage to keep their emotions under wraps, staying clam throughout the entire game.

Listeners feel like they are at the game, between the constant updates and sounds of the band in the background, Coffey knows his craft. After all, he has been practicing for 26 years.

These are the men that make the football games memorable. They are the voices we listen to when we go to and stay home from the game. The time that they give before and after the games give fans the memories they carry with them forever. All their hard work and dedication to the game makes that good for a Bearcat, FIRST DOWN!

1. COLOR COMMENTATOR MATT Gaarder reacts to a Jake Soy touchdown catch and run (not pictured) Saturday.
2. NORTHWEST ANNOUNCER DOUG Sudhoff jokes during pregame Saturday in the Control Room of Bearcat Stadium.
3. COLOR COMMENTATOR MATT Gaarder reacts to a Willie Horn interception (not pictured) Saturday.

What's HOT

Facebook revamp

Facebook is getting reorganized. Information that is currently scattered throughout the wall is now going to be streamlined, according to Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg.

Nameless gift giver

An unknown man has been leaving thousands of dollars in cash gifts at a rehab center in Indiana.

What's NOT

Finals

It's time for finals at Northwest, which means long nights in the library and the mass consumption of energy drinks for students.

Unemployment rate

November's job growth came in far lower than expected. 172,000 new jobs were created in October and only 39,000 in November which caused the unemployment rate to rise to 9.8 percent.

High Gas Prices

U.S. drivers could expect to see gas prices at upwards of \$3 by Christmas. With price of crude oil at \$89 a barrel, a 25-month high, drivers can expect a surge in the cost of holiday traveling.

Worst Christmas movies

BY BEN LAWSON
Missourian Reporter

Around this time of year people are filled with "Christmas cheer." Unfortunately this incredibly benevolent holiday has triggered some of the worst movies of all time.

It must be the over-abundance of sentiment toward family and friends caused by Christmas that makes these movies pop up. The cast and crew of these Christmas movies should have thought twice before signing on for these exceedingly cheesy movies.

Christmas with the Kranks

This 2004 flick definitely should not have happened. Tim Allen and Jamie Lee Curtis star as a married couple who decide to skip celebrating Christmas when they learn their daughter will not be returning home this year. But when their daughter

decides to come home at the last minute, they throw together a hectic celebration.

This movie is full of weak and predictable slapstick humor. The central theme of family unity gets lost in translation by the end of the film. The Krank family is so concerned with Christmas decoration and presents, there is no way the viewer could believe the most important part of Christmas is family.

Jingle All the Way

Arnold Schwarzenegger stars as a dad trying to track down the perfect Christmas gift for his son. Unfortunately, that gift is a Turbo Man doll, the most popular and hard to come-by toy of the season.

Schwarzenegger and Sinbad star as competitors trying to find the same toy. Separately the actors are tolerable, but together they create the biggest

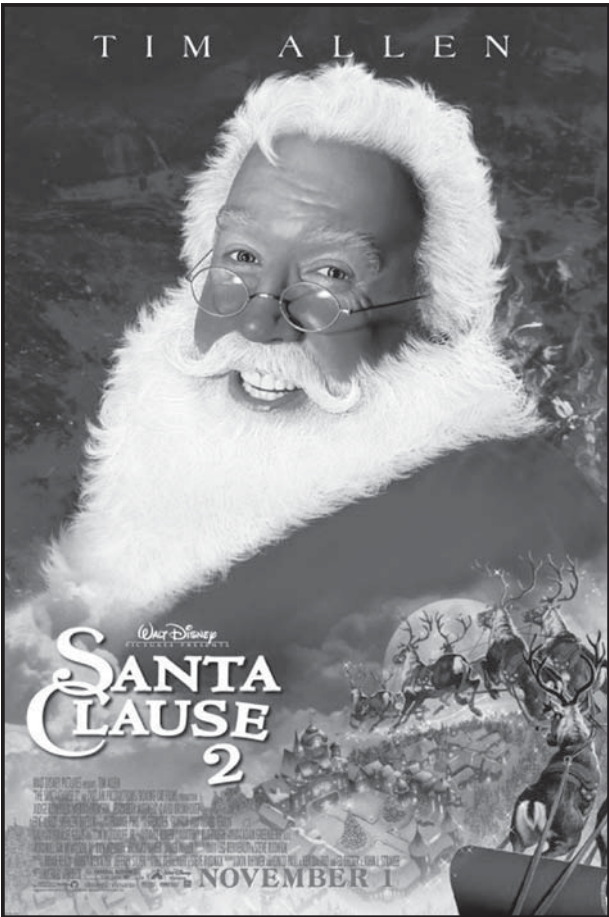
overacting duo ever.

The entire movie follows Schwarzenegger's hard to believe misadventures. This movie is clearly aimed at children but most kids will even find this movie ridiculous.

The Santa Clause 2

Congratulations Tim Allen, you made the list twice. The Santa Clause was over the top cheesy and still likeable, but the sequel is just ridiculous. Allen is back as Santa Clause. In this film he must save his son from the naughty list and find a Mrs. Clause before he loses his job as Santa Clause.

If the plot is not enough to make this movie terrible, the acting is. It looks like Allen is trying to make a career out of doing bad Christmas movies. Allen and Christmas need to stay as far apart as possible in order for this holiday to remain enjoyable.



THE STROLLER

Not studying for finals is the weather's fault



The sun. An 869,000 mile-wide fun-suck. Some say it takes up 99 percent of our universe, the greedy bugger. I say it takes up 99 percent of our will to live, particularly when it decides to hibernate for five gosh-darned months. But don't take my word for it. My doctorate-packing peers agree.

According to an NPR report, 10-15 minutes of sunlight are needed each

day to intake the daily amount of Vitamin D. If we don't get that, we run the risk of osteoporosis. More importantly, it makes us depressed.

Not convinced? Okay tough guy. No sun means cold weather. Cold weather means gloves. Ever try texting in gloves? Waste of time. Also, don't even think about starting a conversation with someone outside.

That's two decreases in human interaction, which (guess where I'm going with this?) lead to depression.

It takes the average person nine seconds to put on a coat, six to put on a scarf, five for gloves and three for a hat. Multiply that by two for entering and leaving a class. Now multiply that by five classes, and you've just lost almost four minutes out of your day. That's four

minutes that could have been spent sleeping. And do you know what comes from a lack of sleep? You better believe it's depression, fool.

I'm just giving the facts. As for you, sun, you'd better get back here soon or I'll give you something to hide from.

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Across

- Throaty attention getter
- Contemptible person, in slang
- Brewery cask
- Mideast's ___ Strip
- Set in waves, as hair
- Prompt on stage
- Being convincing via coercion
- Ski resort grooming vehicle
- Yves's yes
- Bow-toting god
- Boxer sounds?
- Food package meas.
- Making a comeback, say
- Gossipy Barrett
- Vintage car
- Ship-locating system
- Yiddish laments
- Sticks to, as a task
- One of the "Little Women"
- Part of a front-end alignment
- Mississippi or Mersey: Abbr.
- Water shade
- Snearing
- "Was ___ loud?"
- Drawer feature
- Actress Chase
- Miner's find
- Genetics pioneer Mendel
- Telling a little white lie
- Pasture call
- Wobble
- London art museum
- When one hand is up and the other is down
- Doctor's directives
- Melville's "Typee" sequel

Down

- FBI investigators
- Goldie of "The Banger Sisters"
- Opera star Pinza
- Lash cosmetic
- One who's quick to anger
- Sportscaster Berman
- Therefore
- Total
- Nadir's opposite
- Netherlands city
- Plymouth Reliant, e.g.
- Continental currency
- Jeweler's stock
- Mountain lake
- Brief fight
- Dagger of yore
- Whip mark
- "Happy birthday ___!"
- Racers Al or Bobby
- Decide to play for pay
- Kuwaiti neighbor
- Keep from flowing, as a stream
- "Orinoco Flow" New Age singer
- Univ. military program
- Heal, as bones
- Pile-of-dishes place
- Steed and Mrs. Peel's show, with "The"
- Homeric war epic
- ___ VO5: beauty product
- Twelve o'clock meeting
- Stuffed with food
- Do a laundry task
- Certain PCs
- First of 13 popes
- Fort featured in "Goldfinger"
- Cigar suffix
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- Skater Midori
- The Beatles' "I Saw ___ Standing There"

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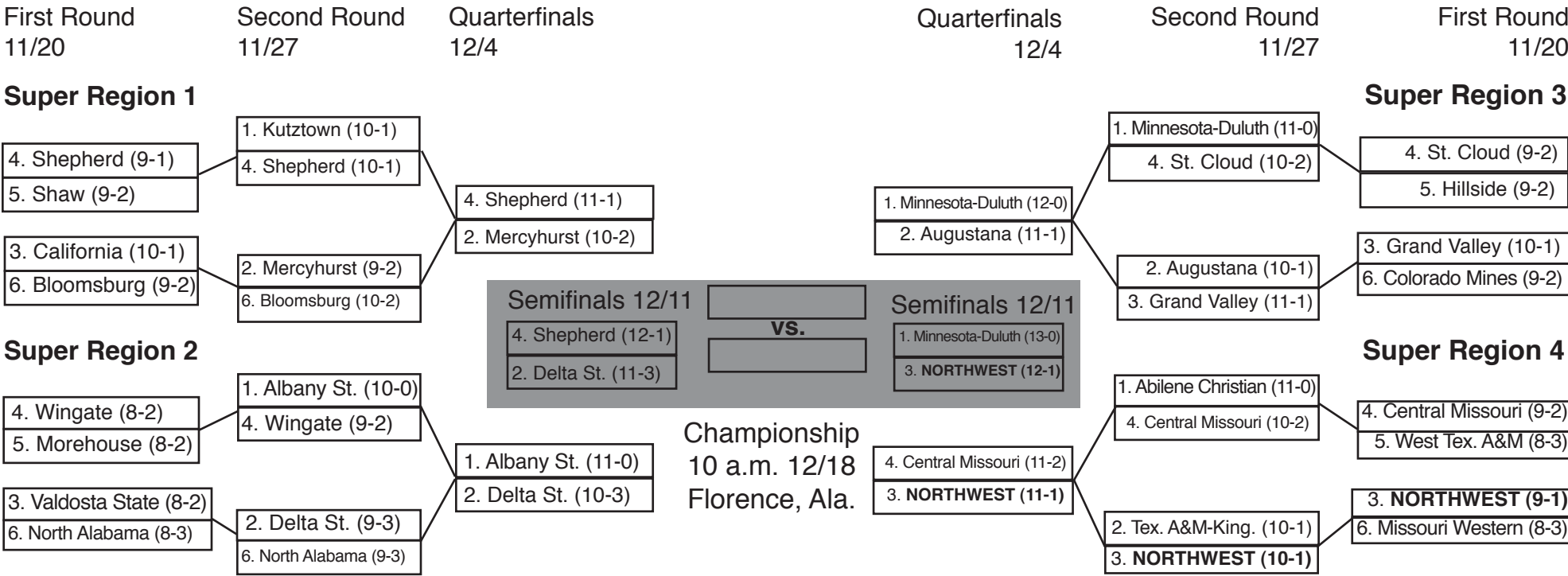
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The National Championship will air at 10 a.m. Dec. 18, on ESPN 2. Check local listings to determine if you receive this channel.

G. BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS	
Overall	MEC
Bishop LeBlond ..4-0	0-0
Maryville.....3-1	0-0
Smithville.....3-1	0-0
Savannah2-2	0-0
Cameron1-0	0-0
Chillicothe.....1-2	0-0
Lafayette1-3	0-0
Benton0-1	0-0
Today:	
MARYVILE vs Tarkio	
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MARYVILLE at Hamilton	
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B. BASKETBALL

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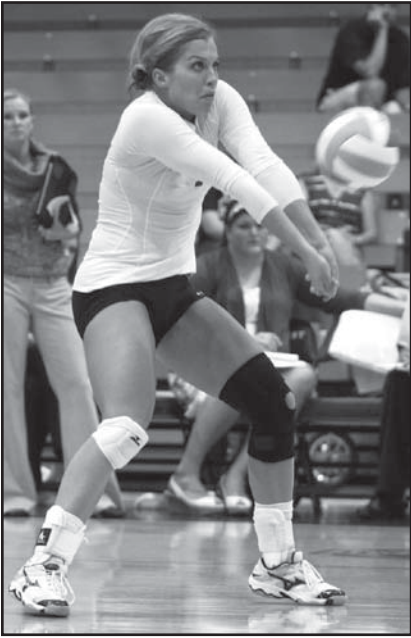
M. BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS	
Overall ..	MIAA
S.W. Baptist6-3	3-0
Fort Hays8-0	2-0
Mo. Southern ..6-0	2-0
Washburn.....5-1	2-0
Emporia St.5-3	2-0
Pitt. State5-1	1-1
Mo. Western....3-4	1-1
Lincoln (Mo.) ..2-4	0-2
NORTHWEST .2-4	0-2
Central Mo.5-3	0-2
Neb.-Omaha...3-3	0-2
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W. BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS	
Overall ..1	MIAA
Truman4-2	3-0
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Emporia St.5-1	2-0
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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL



SENIOR DEFENSIVE SPECIALIST Paige Spangenberg digs a ball in a match against Central Missouri Oct. 8. The 'Cats signed four recruits to the squad for next fall.

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Volleyball signs 4

Northwest women's volleyball team has reloaded after making their first trip to the NCAA playoffs. Brooke Bartosh a 6-1 middle hitter from Omaha, Neb., helped her high school to two third place state finishes. Bartosh was a two time all state honorable mention performer. Abby Graves, an outside hitter from Grundy Center, Iowa, was a captain for three years on the volleyball team. She was the

Conference Player of the Year twice, and was first team all state this season. Kirsten Hudgens, a 5-4 setter from Papillion, Neb., tallied 500 assists for Papillion-La Vista South. Papillion was ranked No. 1 by ESPN Rise Magazine. Bailey Vance, a 5-4 libero from Papillion, Neb., was Hudgens teammate at Papillion-La Vista South. Vance recorded 256 digs and was an all-state honorable mention.

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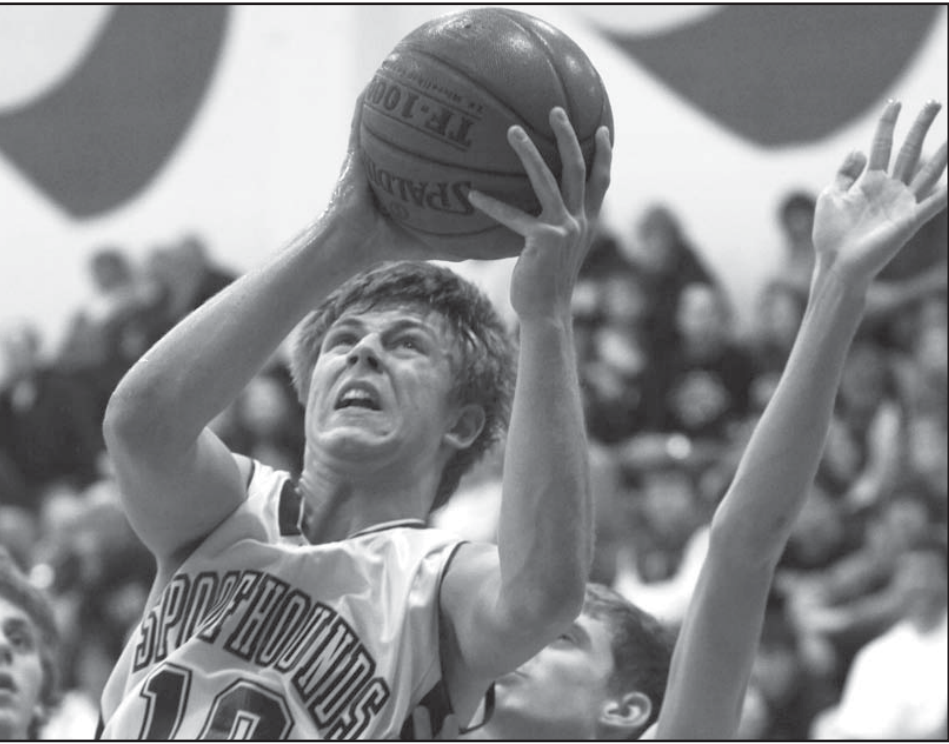
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SENIOR GUARD TYLER Peve drives toward the basket during the 'Hounds' 61-51 victory over Clarinda Tuesday. Peve led the team with 18 total points.

Walter leads way in 4th quarter

BY JASON LAWRENCE
Missourian Reporter

When the third quarter buzzer sounded, Maryville's offense picked it up a notch. The Spoofhounds scored as many points in the fourth quarter as they did in the first half.

Junior guard Tyler Walter scored nine of his 13 points in the pivotal quarter to lead the 'Hounds to a 61-51 victory over Clarinda.

"I thought we played well, I'm glad to get away with a win," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "We had quite a few people make big plays for us in the second half...I'm happy we finished the way we did."

Maryville started slow, but led 15-11 after the first quarter. Clarinda's offense took over in the second quarter, scoring 16 points to take a 27-24 lead into the locker room.

Senior guard Tyler Peve scored seven of the teams' 13 points in the third quarter as Maryville retook the lead.

Then the offense and defense picked it up. The defense forced several turnovers that led to fastbreak layups.

Peve finished with a game high 18 points. Sophomore Jonathan Baker added a season-

high 17 points for the 3-1 Spoofhounds.

"We needed them all. We needed all the points we scored to win," Kuwitzky said. "We need balance like that, we don't want to be just one guy, so three in doubles is good."

This showing came on the heels of a 48-42 loss to Winnetonka in the championship game of the Savannah Invitational.

After Peve scored the first point of the game, Winnetonka went on a 9-0 run, forcing Kuwitzky into calling two timeouts.

Maryville trailed by nine, 17-8, after the first quarter and trimmed the lead to five by halftime.

Going into the fourth quarter, the 'Hounds trailed by only two and seemed to have all of the momentum.

Winnetonka took advantage of its size as senior center Skyler Harris scored eight of the teams' 12 points in the quarter.

Peve and Walter were named to the All-Tournament team. Peve scored 53 points in the three games, 16 in the finale, while Walter added 37, including a 22-point outing against Liberty North in the second round.

Maryville takes on Benton at 7 p.m. tomorrow in St. Joseph.

Injuries taking toll on lineup

Gadbois earns All-Tournament nod at Savannah

BY BRYCE MERENESS
Chief Reporter

After the first week of the season, the injury bug has already bitten the Lady Hounds hard.

Junior Kaylee Green went down in the first game of the season with a stress fracture in her right leg. Senior Molly Stiens suffered a shoulder injury in the first quarter Tuesday at Lafayette. With the suspension to Mataya Wooten, the Hounds are shorthanded.

"(Molly's) obviously a girl that is going to play a lot of minutes for us and that wasn't part of the game plan," head coach Grant Hageman said. "But we had people come off the bench and filled in, did a great job."

The 'Hounds pulled out a victory in St. Joseph 54-43. With the injury to Stiens, the 'Hounds had trouble getting things going. Two quick layups by junior Brooke Byland at the 1:38 mark helped get the 'Hounds offense rolling. Byland's layups helped spark a 24-2 run that proved to be insurmountable for the Irish.

"We had spurts on offense where we looked really good," Hageman said. "I think when we weren't scoring on offense, it wasn't because we were taking bad shots and turning the ball over. We were taking good shots, they just weren't going in for us."

The 'Hounds entered the fourth quarter up by 10, but the Irish turned up the pressure. The Irish closed the lead to six before late free throws, six by senior Shannon McClellan, sealed the game.

"I thought Shannon McClellan did a great job," Hageman said. She has the ball in her hands most of the time, that's a lot of pressure on her, but she hit her free throws late and that's the difference in the



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SENIOR FORWARD TAYLOR Gadbois shoots a jump shot over a LeBlond defender. Gadbois had a team-high 20 points in the game.

game at the end.

"That's always important, and your seniors just have to step up and make those plays at that point of the game if you want to be a great team."

The victory Tuesday came off a loss in the Championship game of the Savannah Invitational to Bishop LeBlond 63-44. Senior Taylor Gadbois was named to the All-Tournament team after tallying a double-double in each game of the tournament. Gadbois averaged 16 points and 14 rebounds in the three games.

"I shouldn't have been the only one called," Gadbois said. "We had a lot of people step up and do really good this tournament. I'm glad I got called, but they all played really good, they all could have got called to every single one of them."

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

BEARCATS

Blake Bolles



Senior quarterback Blake Bolles was named a finalist for the Harlon Hill Trophy. He also passed for 226 yards and three touchdowns, and rushed for one.

Shelly Martin



Junior guard Shelly Martin collected a season-high 21 points for the 'Cats in a losing effort to the Lady Blues of Washburn. She also dished out six assists.

Tyler Peve



Senior guard Tyler Peve produced a team-high 18 points in a 61-51 home win over Clarinda. He was recently named to the Savannah All-Tournament team.

Taylor Gadbois



Senior forward Taylor Gadbois poured in 17 points Tuesday night against Lafayette. She was also recently named to the Savannah All-Tournament team.

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BY JASON LAWRENCE
Missourian Reporter

After winning two out of its first three games, the Northwest men's basketball team has now lost three straight on the road. "On the road in the MIAA is definitely tough," senior forward Elijah Allen said. "I can't wait to get back home. I just like this team a lot; we competed. I think the main thing is that there has been a high energy level in practice and in games, too."

The two latest losses dropped the 'Cats to 0-2 in MIAA play.

"I thought we've played really well because we've improved after every game," head coach Ben McCollum said. "We seem to improve and embrace the process of getting better. If we can continue that, I think we're going to be OK down the stretch."

Northwest lost to Emporia State 70-65 in both teams' conference opener Dec. 1. The Bearcats trailed by seven at halftime and never led in the second half.

The offense did click at times during the game for Northwest as four players reached double figures in scoring.

Sophomore guard De-Shaun Cooper led the way with 19 points and six assists. Freshman center Dillon Starzl equaled a career-high with 12 points. Allen and junior guard Shaneel Narayan contributed 11 and 10 points, respectively.

"We just all came together. We saw ourselves with the ball," Cooper said. "It's unbelievable, how ev-



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JUNIOR FORWARD JAKE Reinders shoots a jumper in an 87-63 win over Baker November 23.

erybody gets people the ball when they're open."

On Saturday, Northwest led early against Washburn, but could not hold the lead and trailed by seven at halftime.

The Bearcats clawed back into it, taking a 48-47 lead with 12 minutes to go in the game following five straight points from freshman guard Tyler Funk.

Northwest pushed the lead to three several times, but could not shake the Ichabods.

"Some possessions we should have ran some

offense, instead we just came down and jacked up a quick shot," Cooper said. "Then they came down and hit a three. Next play down we put up a quick shot. Washburn is a running team and we wanted to be a half court team. Basically, the last couple minutes we kind of got into their game."

Washburn got up 56-55 and pushed the lead to four with six minutes remaining and never trailed again on the way to a 74-67 victory.

"Going to Washburn

this early and playing well is a good sign," McCollum said. "However, we're never content with losing, so we need to continue to improve."

The 'Cats offense distributed the ball well again, hitting a season-high nine three-pointers and getting four players into double figures for the second consecutive game.

Allen led the way, recording his seventh career double-double, with 15 points and 11 rebounds. Allen has scored in double figures in all six games this season and seven-straight dating back to last season.

"He means a lot (to this team) and we still have to get him the ball more than we do," McCollum said. "He's been very unselfish. He hasn't taken as many shots as I'd even like him to. He's been very unselfish, but we're going to need him to score even more than he has been if we're going to be successful."

Cooper and Narayan chipped in 14 points apiece while junior guard Kyle Haake contributed 13 points off the bench.

Northwest continued its five-game road swing with a contest against Pittsburg State Wednesday night. Results were not available as of press time.

The Bearcats close out the road trip at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Omaha, Neb. against the Mavericks.

"I expect for us to go out and compete," Cooper said. "If we compete, rebound and do all of the little things it will equal that big win."



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SOPHOMORE CANDACE BOEH drives toward the basket at the game against Nebraska-Kearney at the Bearcat Arena Nov. 15.

Road losses concern team

BY KYLE HENDRICKS
Missourian Reporter

The Northwest women's basketball team came within seconds of upsetting the No. 4 team in the country on Saturday.

The Bearcats dropped their second straight conference game by falling to Washburn 82-79 in Topeka, Kan.

Junior Shelly Martin's three-point attempt with seven seconds left was no good and junior Abby Henry's desperation heave as time expired was off the mark.

The 'Cats fell to 4-2 overall and 0-2 in the MIAA, while the Lady Blues improved to 6-0 overall and 2-0 in the MIAA.

Martin scored a season-high 21 points and went 5-for-10 from beyond the arc, while dishing out a season-high six assists. Henry added 20 points in the losing effort. Senior Kyla Roehrig and junior Tara Roach each played solid games inside for the 'Cats. Each pulled down a game-high nine rebounds, with Roehrig adding 14 points and Roach scoring six points.

"We need to finish," Roehrig said. "Right now it seems like we just can't hold on to a lead when we get one. We've had some solid practices since the Washburn game so hopefully that will help."

The first half was a back and forth battle that saw the 'Cats take a 23-19 lead halfway through the first half, but trail 41-39 at halftime.

In the second half, the Lady Blues took a 62-44 lead but the 'Cats fought back and took a 79-78 lead with 54 seconds left. Washburn took the lead with 30 seconds to play and iced the game with two free throws after Martin's miss.

Head coach Gene Steinmeyer wants the players to understand the magnitude of the situation.

"They need to realize the situation they're in," Steinmeyer said. "We've played two conference games and we're already two games back. We need to start winning in order to keep pace. I know there are a lot of games left but we can't dig ourselves a deeper hole, especially when you have the defending National Champions in the conference. Obviously it'll help when we get Gentry back, but we can't use that as an excuse for not winning right now."

The 'Cats will try to pick up their first conference victory of the season on Wednesday when they travel to Pittsburg, Kan. for a match-up with the Pittsburg State Gorillas (2-4, 0-2).

"We need to keep grinding and make sure we don't fall behind," Roach said. "Our defense needs to pick up and we can't let them get easy baskets. It would be really nice to get that first conference win and get back into the thick of things."

Game time for Wednesday's game was set for 5:30 p.m.

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FRESHMAN TRAVIS PETER works to turn a Wayne State opponent at Saturday’s meet at Bearcat Arena. Peter won by a decision in his 141 pound-bout.

Bonus points dooms wrestling club in dual loss

BY TONY BOTTS
Sports Editor

In a dual that featured both returning national qualifiers and two programs hoping to continue building tradition, it seemed fitting that the final match of the night would determine the night’s winner.

Jordan Peter, in the 174 pound weight class, faced off with Wayne State’s Tahner Thiem to close out the dual. Both are returning national qualifiers, but the final score, a 15-6 major decision in favor of Thiem, did not convey that for Peter.

Even though the Northwest wrestling club came up short to Wayne State in the end, 29-21, both coaches and wrestlers saw promising things.

“I would say that overall we looked fairly dominant on our feet,” Northwest head coach Nic Brent said. “But, you can’t be dominant in one position and win wrestling matches.”

The win for the Wildcats was their first dual victory since 1981, when the program was dropped.

Northwest surrendered 10 team bonus points to the Wildcats, four in back-to-back matches to end the meet.

“We knew bonus points would be a big deal,” Greg

Vander Weil, Wayne State head coach, said. “When we got into the third period and (Northwest) was out of gas, we got the job done.”

Each team dealt with open spots in the lineup, Northwest being open at the 125 pound class and Wayne State open at 157 pounds.

Northwest leaned heavily on the grappling of a group of young wrestlers, including Maryville High School graduate, and former State Champion, freshmen Dannen Merrill and as well as Travis Peter.

“I’m really proud of my freshman guys,” Northwest head coach Nic Brent said. “They really showed up tonight.”

Both recorded back to back decisions at 133 and 141 pound weight classes.

“I knew I would have to go out there and wrestle a solid match, so I just gave it my all and wrestled the full seven minutes,” Merrill said.

While the two clubs are separated by more than 200 miles, both schools find the competition on the mat worth the road trip.

“I think we need to get a traveling trophy between the two of us, because this is a good rivalry,” Vander Weil said. “Hopefully, we’ll go back and forth for a lot of years to come.”

DOUBLE LOSS



LORI FRANKENFIELD | PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

SENIOR POST KYLA Roehrig blocks Junior Abby Henry in practice on Tuesday in Martindale. Roehrig is also the Grad Assitant for Womens Volleyball.

Transfer making most of new role

BY KYLE HENDRICKS
Missourian Reporter

For most athletes, four years of Division I athletics is the pinnacle of their playing careers. However, that is not the case for one Northwest dual sport star.

Senior Kyla Roehrig played volleyball at the University of Minnesota, where she helped lead the Golden Gophers to the NCAA Tournament each of the four years she was there, including the Regional Final in 2006.

Roehrig was named to the 2006 Regional All-Tournament Team and was named to the Academic All-Big Ten Team in 2006 and 2007.

After her playing career was over, Roehrig’s dream of getting her master’s Degree led her to Northwest.

“I always wanted to get my master’s,” Roehrig said. “I was at a volleyball tournament in Omaha and I was telling people I wanted to be a grad assistant, and I knew (head coach) Jess Rinehart from Minnesota, so we met in Omaha and talked about me coming to Northwest.”

The transition from player to coach has not always been a smooth one, but Roehrig believes she has learned a lot from seeing how the other side works.

“It’s been a great experience,” Roehrig said. “When you play, you don’t really know how much time they really put into it. It’s been a great experience to know off the court what coaches do to get ready.”

Roehrig made an immediate impact on the team because of her experience playing in Division I.

“She definitely helped out a lot this year,” senior Paige Spangenberg said. “We

See **ROEHRIG** on A5

Simmons, offense drop Mules

BY TONY BOTTS
Sports Editor

There would be no last second field goal needed to lift Northwest over Central Missouri. In fact, the Bearcats did not even need fourth quarter heroics to pull out the win. They also did not have to worry about trailing the Mules at any point during the contest.

After a confusing coin toss, the ‘Cats finally decided upon receiving the opening kickoff, a wise decision. Senior quarterback Blake Bolles organized an 80-yard touchdown drive, into the wind, capped off by a 23-yard touchdown pass to sophomore wide receiver Tyler Shaw.

Continuing the rhythm from their first possession, Northwest drove 71-yards on 15 plays to cap their second possession off with another

touchdown. This time on the efforts of Jordan Simmons’ 2-yard touchdown run.

“One of the things we did especially well on those two drives, and I feel we did the whole game, was we ran the football really well,” Bolles said. “That was a big thing for us coming into the game. We knew that if we could run the ball all day, that it would open up things, play action and things like that.”

By halftime, former Northwest assistant coach Jim Svoboda and Central quarterback Eric Czerniewski were down 24-14. The second half did not bid well for the Mules, either, as the Bearcats tacked two more touchdowns on the scoreboard.

Senior linebacker Willie Horn and the Northwest defense applied the pressure to Czerniewski while limiting

the MIAA’s top passer to 212 passing yards. Horn also collected two interceptions, the first pair of his career.

“We limited the big plays over the top, which was key for us,” Horn said. “When it came down to making plays, we did a pretty good job of that. I think we executed very well on defense.”

Bolles found junior wide receiver Jake Soy for a 58-yard touchdown pass. The touchdown grab tied Soy with the MIAA career leader, Sam Sissom, Washburn, with 40 touchdowns.

Bolles, a Harlon Hill Trophy finalist, raced into the end zone from 4 yards out to put the final nail in the coffin and increase the ‘Cats’ lead to 37-20.

“I can’t say enough about the effort for 60 minutes,” Tjeerdsma said. “We talk



KEVIN BIRDSELL | MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

SOPHOMORE RUNNING BACK Jordan Simmons stiff-arms a Mule defender in Saturdays win over UCM in the National Quarterfinals. The Bearcats travel to Duluth, Minnesota for the Seminals this Saturday.

about being Bearcats and we talk about the old Bearcats. We’ve had a lot of great teams, but these guys showed as much (Saturday), last week

and the second half of the Western game, as any group we’ve had.”

With the Quarterfinals now behind the ‘Cats, top

ranked Minnesota-Duluth looms in the Semifinals. The ‘Cats kick off at 5 p.m. Saturday at Malosky Stadium, in Duluth.

Title game appearance at stake

BY JASON LAWRENCE
Missourian Reporter

The Super Region 1 and 2 matchup features two teams mired in a championship drought.

Delta State, from Cleveland, Miss., has not been in the title game since winning the Division II National Title in its only appearance in 2000. Shepherd, out of Shepardstown, W. Va., has never been to the title game.

Both teams are coming off upset wins and second half offensive explosions.

Shepherd, the No. 4 seed in Super Region 1 beat No. 5 Shaw in the opening round of the playoffs before knocking off No. 1 Kutztown.

Saturday, the Rams took down the No. 2 seed Mercyhurst 49-14 behind the strength of 35 second half points.

It is the first regional championship for Shepherd in four title game appearances.

The Rams feature the 15th rushing offense in Division II and the fifth highest scoring offense. In the playoffs, Shepherd has amassed 140 points.

Shepherd's rushing attack put up 238 of the team's 483 yards behind the nation's eighth-leading rusher in Tommy Addison.

Addison posted 135 yards and two scores while fellow running back Nate Hoyte went for 109 yards and four touchdowns.

Mercyhurst managed just 225

yards of offense and committed four turnovers against the Rams, the second-best team in the country in turnover margin.

On the other side of the bracket, in Super Region 2, Delta State had a shorter run to its regional title.

In the second round, the Statesmen defeated No. 6 seed North Alabama 47-24, and then followed it up with a 28-7 victory over No. 1 Albany State.

Delta State gave up a score four minutes into the game, but the 81st ranked scoring defense went into halftime in a 7-7 tie with Albany.

Albany would not score again as the Statesmen ran off 21 second half points to close the game on a 28-0 run.

Albany still put up 307 yards of offense and over half of them came on the ground against the 98th ranked rush defense in Division II.

Delta State quarterback Mitch Davis threw for 192 yards and a pair of scores to lead the Statesmen offense.

The defense forced four turnovers in the game to shut down the No. 1 seed.

This Saturday's appearance in the semifinals will be the third in school history.

Shepherd (12-1) and Delta State (10-3) square off at 1 p.m. Saturday in Cleveland, Miss. at Travis E. Parker Stadium. CBS College Sports HD will broadcast the game live.

2010 Schedule and Results Shepherd

08/28/2010	@Shippensburg	35-27	W
09/11/2010	ST. JOSEPH's (IN)	55-0	W
09/18/2010	FAIRMONT ST.	19-16	W
09/25/2010	@Seton Hall	46-17	W
10/02/2010	@Charleston (WV)	28-13	W
10/09/2010	CONCORD	49-35	W
10/16/2010	WEST VA. WESLEYAN	37-26	W
10/23/2010	@West Liberty	53-38	W
10/30/2010	@West Virginia St.	56-19	W
11/13/2010	GLENVILLE ST.	24-28	L
11/20/2010	SHAW	40-6	W
11/27/2010	@Kutztown	41-34	W
12/04/2010	@Mercyhurst	49-14	W

Delta State

09/04/10	@ Jackson St	17-32	L
09/09/10	Arkansas Tech	27-25	W
09/18/10	@ Valdosta State	27-23	W
09/25/10	Henderson St.	41-37	W
09/30/10	West Alabama	41-37	W
10/07/10	@ Ark. -Monticello	34-20	W
10/16/10	Harding	35-38	L
10/23/10	@ West Georgia	54-34	W
10/28/10	North Alabama	7-31	L
11/6/10	@ Ouchita Baptist	33-27	W
11/13/10	@ Lambuth	41-17	W
11/27/10	North Alabama	47-24	W
12/04/10	@ Albany State	28-7	W

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Micah Davis
Quarterback

MICAH DAVIS has 3,661 yards this season. His ability to spread the ball has three receivers over 500 yards for the season.

SPECIAL TEAMS:

DSU has missed 11 extra points this season and have had four field goals blocked. Shepherd's punter Eric Dobratz and downed four punts inside his opponents 20-yard line this season, averaging 38 yards/punt.

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Trevor Deed
Runningback

Trevor Deed has 997 yards on the ground this season, and 294 more through the air. He needs 22 more receiving yards to be the first player in GSC history to join the 2,000/2,000 yard club.

By the numbers

1 Shepherd is the first school from the WVAC to win the Super Region 1 Title.

12 Shepherd's school record victories set this season.

3 Delta State has won three regional titles this since 2000.

22 Receiving yards Delta State RB Trevor Deed needs to join the 2000/2000 club.



LORI FRANKENFIELD | PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

SENIOR QUARTERBACK BLAKE Bolles looks downfield for an open receiver in the 'Cats' 45-27 victory over Fort Hays State on Oct. 30 at Bearcat Stadium.

Bolles named as Harlon Hill finalist

Senior quarterback Blake Bolles has been invited to the Harlon Hill Award Banquet. He is the first Bearcat to be invited.

The banquet will be held on the eve of the National Championship Game, also head coach Mel Tjeerdsma will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. The Harlon Hill Trophy is awarded to the nation's top Division II player.

Bolles has amassed 3,705 yards passing with 29 touchdowns and eight interceptions.

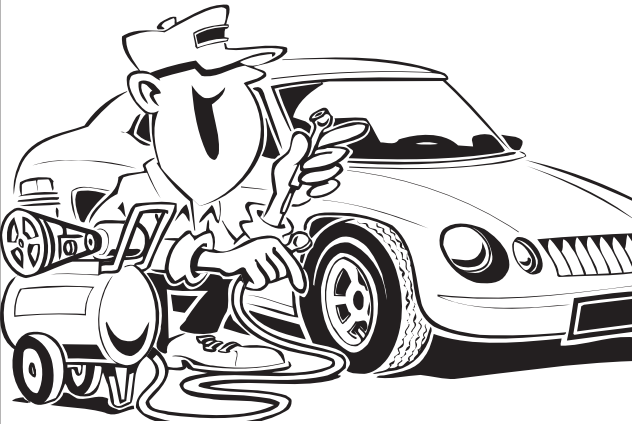
Bolles has gained 200 yards rushing and five scores on the ground.

Bolles' 163.0 career passer efficiency is one of the top ratings in Division II history. Bolles holds the program record for yards, 8,527, and touchdown passes, 78. Bolles is 26-2 as a starter and 7-0 in the playoffs.

The other finalists are Central Missouri senior quarterback Eric Czerniewski and West Liberty senior quarterback Zach Amedro.

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